

**Number of Registered Voters and Number of Votes Cast for State Senator
New Hanover County, November 8, 1898**

	# White Registered Voters	# Black Registered Voters	Total # Registered Voters	Votes for Democratic Candidate	Votes for Republican Candidate	Official Vote Total
1st Ward						
1 st Precinct	192	177	369	195	135	330
2 nd Precinct	140	242	382	135	216	351
3 rd Precinct	69	337	406	70	302	372
4 th Precinct	35	337	372	33	94	127
5 th Precinct	30	313	343	456	151	607
2nd Ward						
1 st Precinct	220	24	244	317	20	237
2 nd Precinct	271	25	296	266	26	292
3rd Ward						
1 st Precinct	321	46	367	322	30	352
2 nd Precinct	216	57	273	211	48	259
4th Ward						
1 st Precinct	256	25	281	250	6	256
2 nd Precinct	171	76	247	166	69	235
5th Ward						
1 st Precinct	215	112	327	213	106	319
2 nd Precinct	225	154	379	251	39	290
3 rd Precinct	153	170	323	172	135	307
4 th Precinct	43	309	352	43	300	343
Other Townships						
Masonboro	94	65	159	83	53	136
Cape Fear	68	184	252	85	146	231
Harnett	178	228	406	150	210	360
Federal Point	21	84	105	10	66	76

***Votes in the 5th Precinct of the First Ward and the 2nd Precinct of the 5th ward were later disputed because of intimidation, claims of fraudulent ballots, and inaccurate counts.

registrar with Lamb, claimed that the crowd was orderly while the counting was taking place until the workers came across a set of ballots in the wrong box, and members of the crowd objected to the counting method. Bates testified that as they were still counting the contested box for the election of W. J. Davis, the lights were extinguished. Once the lights were re-lit, Bates noted that Davis “got more votes by nearly two hundred than there were people registered in the precinct.” Bates also explained that after the lights were re-lit, the white men of the crowd had donned handkerchiefs on their arms and were going through the store with

pistols and guns.⁵³

Confirming previous testimony, Chief of Police Melton testified that the precinct building, located at the corner of Tenth and Princess, was the site of anticipated trouble and that he had patrolmen in the vicinity. His men reported to him that when the officers arrived after the crowd of white men assembled, they were “ousted,” the lights were extinguished, and the electric lights in the neighborhood were “muffled.” The patrolmen reported that once the situation was “straight again”

notes from the interview with Jerome McDuffie for his dissertation. McDuffie, “Politics in Wilmington,” 667.

⁵³ Two other election workers testified that their precincts did not experience trouble: Charles Keen of the fourth division of the First Ward and C. F. Craig, registrar of the second precinct of the First Ward. *Contested Election Case*, 336 – 341.